order the postponement of the execution of the decrees, and this handicaps to a great extent.

Second Member of Council.—There are similar difficulties in the case of Civil suits also. From personal experience, I can say that if time is given, it will be possible to realise more money.

Mr. Shamaiengar.—If the party is not able to find money at the time, the Amildar gives him time and this causes inconvenience.

Revenue Commissioner.—The Amildar is not authorised to give any time. If any instances are brought to notice, orders will be issued prohibiting this. Sometimes the Co-operative Societies themselves ask for time. Strict instructions will be issued not to allow any time in favour of persons decreed against.

Dewan.—The whole matter is under examination.

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SUBJECT NO. 58.

Restoration of silted up tanks.

Mr. Chikramareddi, Bagepalli Taluk.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—In every taluk, tanks are gradually silting up and their capacity for holding water is getting less and less every year, so much so that the tanks may disappear altogether in course of time. Moreover, in the case of such small tanks one unit of water could suffice for one acre of land only, whereas the Amildars generally take as $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land per unit. Owing to this the water in the tank will not suffice to bring the crops to maturity thus causing much loss to the raiyats. In the case of very many tanks the capacity is quite inadequate and the Revenue Department may as well be requested to reclassify the lands and collect dry assessment. It is also prayed that Government should try to repair some tanks every year.

First Member of Council.—This question is coming up for discussion in this Assembly from time to time since the year 1920. The solution of the problem is not very practicable. Either the silt has to be removed, or the height of 'kodi' has to be raised. The expenditure on the former is prohibitive, while the latter question is beset with serious difficulties. The tanks are in series, and the raising of the weir of one submerges lands under the tank above. The Public Works Department has examined the situation and made a few experiments. Owing to the above difficulties a general order on the restoration of these tanks is not practicable. If individual grievances and inconveniences on account of the silting up of the tank, are brought to the notice of Government orders will be issued as regards remission of assessment, etc. Applications may be made to the Deputy Commissioners.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—The Chief Engineer has promised that the whole question would be examined, and that he would suggest some measure to remedy this difficulty. The formation of silt traps and other measures of prevention of silting may be tried.

Dewan.—This has been done but not found attractive or useful. If specific instances of lands that have suffered

on account of the silting up of the tanks are brought to notice, Government would pass orders with regard to the remission of *kandayam*. You may address Government direct if necessary, in urgent cases.

SUBJECT NO. 59.

Annual maintenance work of branch channels to be done by Government.

Mr. V. Rangaswamaiengar, Seringapatam.

Mr. Shamaiengar.—Branch channels are as a rule very small and not in a proper state of repairs. The repairs are supposed to be attended to by the raiyats but this is not done. If some raiyats are prepared to do work in order to improve supply to their own lands, they cannot interfere with the channel as a whole and rectify matters. Intermittent supply is allowed in some channels and this reduces the time for carrying out repairs. Owing to these and other reasons the channels have not received much attention, and the discharge is inadequate and unsatisfactory. Owing to the scarcity of water at times in these channels a large number of disputes arise; meanwhile, the raiyats are put to considerable difficulty. The Government usually undertake the repairs of big channels and the duty of repairing small channels falls on the raiyats; but the *kandayam* levied on the lands irrigated by big and branch channels is just the same. I therefore request that the Government may take up the work of repairs of branch channels also. The majority of the raiyats would also consent to pay something towards this.

Dewan.—What guarantee is there that all the raiyats would consent to the additional payment proposed by you? The problem is not very easy for Government. It is not possible to attend to the repairs of the innumerable branch channels in the State.

Mr. Shamaiengar.—I have consulted many raiyats in my taluk and the majority of them have agreed to pay for repairing the branch channels.

Revenue Commissioner.—The present representation is that the raiyats are not able to maintain the branch channels and that the Government should take up the work and meet the cost by means of levying additional taxation. Generally, for each acre, eight annas is charged as irrigation cess to enable important items in channel repairs being attended to, but this sum will not surely be adequate if all the repairs are to be carried out by Government. This is a legitimate work for the raiyats to do, but if they do not wish to do it but are willing to pay for it if done by Government, the Public Works Department will be requested to prepare estimates of cost. As soon as the amount is made available, arrangements will also be made to start the work.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri.—Our request is that owing to the uncertainty of water-flow in some of the branch channels some of the lands that are irrigated under them will suffer to a certain extent, and for such lands remission may be granted. The conditions obtaining in Mysore District channels are different from those elsewhere. Government attend to the repairs of some branch channels and not to others. This is not fair. The Revenue Commissioner and Chief Engineer may be requested to inspect the channels jointly, and submit a report.

Dewan.—Yes, your suggestions will be noted and the matter further investigated. A report will be called for on all the points raised.